World Bank Report on DDA

82. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per latest report of World Bank, the D.D.A. has been described as one of the most corrupt institution in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the grounds on which the D.D.A. has been descirbed as corrupt institution; and

(c) the action Government have taken in the light of the said report?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In a chapter entitled on "making cities livable" under the sub heading "service provision in developing countries" in this year's World Development Report, the World Bank has stated as under:

".....K.J. Alphons, descirbed the agency he worked for, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), as "the most corrupt institution in the country'." Those who corrupt it, he added, help illegal builders grab DDA land and then build houses and shops that are fold to unwitting buyers. Unauthorised buildings range from shanties for the poor to shopping centrers for the middle class to mansions for the rich, all established on Government land under false pretenses, with polititical complicity. Moreover, Alphons reported nothing gets built, legal or illegal, without a bride....."

The acting Vice-President, External Affairs. World Bank, Washington has clarified to the DDA that the quotation was originally printed in May

4, 1995, issue of the Far Eastern Economic Review and that the World Develoment report has published the same in good faith, and was not directed at any individual or an association of individuals.

The above statements pretaining to DDA are not based on any scientific studies.

(c) The Estimates Committee of the Parliament has examined the entire Working of the DDA in detail and submitted its report in March, 1997.

The Delhi Development Authority in close coordination with Department of Personnel and Training and Central Vigilance Commission has taken a number of anti-corruption measures which fall broadly in the category of surveillance/detective vigilance, punitive action and preventive action.

Apart from keeping watch on officials/officers of doubtful, integrity as per the guidelines prescribed by the Department of Personnel & Training, rotational transfers of employees in sensitive posts is being done in a systematic manner besides sending officers of the Vigilance Wing to training courses on a regular basis to keep themselves abreast with the latest rules and regulation.

Fund for Urban Employment and Poverty Eradication in M.P.

†83. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise amount provided by the Central Government to Madhya Pradesh Government during the last three years for urban employment and poverty eradication;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted to see that the amount

† Original notice of the Question, was received in Hindi.